

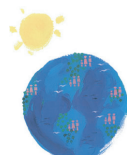
About ICCVAM and NICEATM

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) established the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) in 1997 to coordinate the interagency technical review of new, modified, and alternative test methods of interagency interest and to coordinate cross-agency issues relating to the validation, acceptance, and national and international harmonization of toxicological testing methods. ICCVAM was established as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under the National Toxicology program (NTP) Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) on December 19, 2000, by the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-545; Appendix E).

The Committee is comprised of representatives from the fifteen U.S. Federal regulatory and research agencies that use or generate toxicological information. ICCVAM promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that more accurately assess the safety or hazards of chemicals and products and that refine (i.e., decrease or eliminate pain and distress), reduce, and replace animal use. NICEATM administers the ICCVAM and provides operational and scientific support for ICCVAM and ICCVAM-related activities. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved test methods applicable to the needs of U.S. Federal agencies. More information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>, by contacting NICEATM at (919) 541-2384 or by email to iccvam@niehs.nih.gov.

The U.S. Federal regulatory and research agencies that participate in this effort are the:

- Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Defense
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services
 - Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
 - Food and Drug Administration
 - National Cancer Institute, NIH
 - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC
 - National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH
 - National Institutes of Health, Office of the Director
 - National Library of Medicine, NIH
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Labor
 - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- Department of Transportation
- Environmental Protection Agency



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The ICCVAM/NICEATM graphic symbolizes the important role of new and alternative toxicological methods in protecting and advancing the health of people, animals, and our environment.